

# BRITISH AND FRENCH REPULSED

## MISSING TROOPER BELIEVED TO BE EITHER KILLED OR HIDING

### ALLIES RETREAT LOSING HEAVILY

Expected Anglo-French Offensive is Begun at Last on the Western Front.

INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRING

New Enterprise May Change Whole Aspect of the War on Western Front.

BERLIN, Sept. 25, via London, Sept. 26, 1:30 a. m.—The German official communication says that after an artillery preparation of great intensity which at some points lasted fifty hours, the expected Anglo-French offensive has begun on the western front.

The communication claims that the northern British wing has already been repulsed, and that French also have been repulsed near Souchez, Neuville and at most points between Champagne and the Argonne, their retreating columns losing very heavy from artillery fire.

Fire Increases.

The text of the statement follows: "Along the entire front from the sea to the Vosges the enemy fire has increased. It was especially violent east of Ypres between the canal of LaBasse and Arras and also in Champagne from Promes to the Argonne. After several artillery preparations, which at some points lasted fifty hours, the expected attack began.

"Between the railways of Ypres, Roulers and Comines, the British attacked early this morning. Their attack on the northern wing has already been repulsed, after hand-to-hand fighting before and in our positions. They are further attacking to the northeast and the southeast of Armentieres and north of LaBasse (Canal).

"On Thursday evening, as has only now become known, the French penetrated French Republic.

Souchez. We ejected them yesterday. The French were again repulsed yesterday near Souchez and on both sides of Neuville.

French Repulsed.

"In Champagne from Promes to the Argonne, the French attacked, but were at a majority of points repulsed. This was due in part to our strong artillery fire. In part also the attacks collapsed a few steps in front of our obstructions under the fire of our infantry and machine guns.

"The retreating enemy columns suffered considerable losses, owing to the very severe artillery and machine gun fire. At some points on the front hand-to-hand fighting is proceeding."

### GREAT ENTERPRISE BEING ATTEMPTED IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Sept. 25, 11:30 p. m.—The development of events in the Balkans and on the Belgian coast, of which the general public has only the haziest knowledge now monopolize attention, even the Russian front, where the troops of the emperor have been delivering heavy encounter strokes against the Austro-Germans, being for the moment overshadowed.

So far as the Balkans are concerned the present crisis, is considered more suited to military than diplomatic action, one minister stating that great developments are imminent. With Greece and Bulgaria armed against each other, and Roumania awaiting to take sides, nothing less could be expected.

British Public Anxious.

The British public, however, is more anxious to know what is happening nearer home. Since Monday last there has been a more or less continuous bombardment of Ostend, Zeebrugge and other points on the Belgian coast, and, according to rumor, an enterprise is being attempted which may change the whole aspect of the war on the western front.

On the western front, the activity displayed by the British fleet apparently has not been left undisputed for dispatches from Holland say that heavy firing has been heard on many occasions during the week to the north of Ameland, which would indicate that if the Germans have not normally undertaken to oppose the British ships, part of the

German fleet venturing out to learn what was happening. But in the absence of either British or German official reports, everything is spoken. This applies to, to, events on the Russian front; for since the publication early this morning of the Russian communication nothing official has been received of developments there, except the Vienna report which tells nothing except what was already known. The Russians are believed to be more than holding their own at various points along their line.

In the west the artillery is the only arm that could be considered at all active, while in the Dardanelles and on the Italian front heavy gun fire has been only occasionally interrupted to give local detachments of infantry an opportunity to attack.

### ROCKEFELLER VERY BUSY IN COAL FIELDS

Magnate Does a Variety of Things on His Inspection Trip in Colorado.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., tonight completed the first week of his inspection of Colorado properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

He reached Pueblo after a day spent at the mines of Fremont county and immediately boarded a Denver train. Monday, according to plans, he will begin a series of conferences with company officials in Denver, at which whatever policies are to result from his inspection trip will be formulated.

Digs Coal.

Since Mr. Rockefeller reached Trinidad last Monday he has driven some hundred miles over mountains and plains in motor cars, dug coal in the Frederick mine and descended a 400-foot shaft at Coal Creek, eaten breakfast and beans at miners' boarding houses and danced with miners' wives, and daughters in a little school house after an amateur entertainment.

Mr. Rockefeller came to Colorado with the avowed intention of studying at first hand the labor conditions following the strike of 1914-15. From the day he entered Berwind Camp—the

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### CARRANZA'S TROOPS ENTER TORREON CITY

General Villa is Retreating and Destroying the Railroad Lines behind Him.

LAREDO, Tex., Sept. 25.—Villa troops are evacuating Torreon and Carranza forces are entering that city tonight, according to a telegram received at Carranza headquarters in Nuevo Laredo. Details were withheld.

Reports today indicated the Villa forces would offer stubborn resistance to the Carranza troops who were said to be approaching Torreon from three directions.

Unconfirmed reports here state Villa was destroying the railroad lines behind him as he retreated.

Villa to Follow Troops.

General Villa will follow his troops to Sonora as soon as his troops, now en route westward are mobilized in that state, according to an official announcement today.

It is understood that General Villa will reach Juarez on Monday. Friends of General Raoul Madero, the Villa leader held prisoner by the thirteen cavalry at Marfa, Tex., to say were advised by General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, that Madero and his companions would be brought to El Paso and released as soon as their identity was established.

Credentials Presented.

Madero's credentials as a peace commander representing the Villa government before the Pan-American conference already have been presented to the state and war departments by General Roque Larba, who reached Washington several days since.

W. C. McCabe, foreman of the Cuddeback ranch at Santa Domingo, reached Villa Ahumada today with money for the release of Fuller, manager of the ranch, who is held captive in the Ranchera mountains, fifty-five miles back of the railroad at that point.

### COLORED BISHOPS Are Decided On by Methodist Episcopal Conference at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, Sept. 25.—Two of the most important actions taken by the West Virginia Methodist Episcopal Conference today was the selection of Wheeling as the meeting place for next year and the adoption of the amendment providing for the election of colored bishops. The amendment, which was initiated by the upper Mississippi Colored Conference, was introduced at the conference here on Wednesday and when taken up today was adopted by a vote of 153 to 2.

### HEADS OF THE NATIONAL G. A. R. AND AUXILIARY SOCIETIES



Left to right, seated Mrs. Sarah E. Fulton, David J. Palmer and Mrs. Mary A. Dennison; standing, Miss Lulu M. Corlan, Charles T. Sherman and Bessie B. Bowser.

This photograph, taken a few days ago, shows the present heads of the national G. A. R. and auxiliary societies. David J. Palmer is commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Mary A. Dennison is national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Sarah Fulton is national president of the Ladies Relief Corps; Miss Lulu M. Corlan is national president of the Daughters of Veterans; Charles T. Sherman is commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, and Bessie B. Bowser is national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans.

## ROUGH DRAFT OF LOAN TERMS SENT TO LONDON

### And Paris by the Anglo-French Commission Satisfactory to American Bankers.

REPLY TO COME MONDAY

Same Likely to Be Made Basis of Further Bargaining before Loan is Made.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Negotiations toward establishing a half-billion dollar credit loan to Great Britain and France marked time today. Many of the American bankers who have been in consultation with the Anglo-French financial commission failed to visit the financial section over the short business session and the commission itself, remaining up-town received fewer callers than on any previous day of its stay here.

No one in close touch with the situation could be found who would deny a generally credited report that the commission had submitted to the French and British governments the rough draft of terms satisfactory to American bankers and was awaiting word from Paris and London before proceeding further with negotiations. The general belief was that a reply would be received here by Monday.

Further Bargaining.

It was regarded as likely that the reply would contain other suggestions which would be made on the basis of further bargaining and result in reference again to Paris and London before an actual working agreement would be reached.

One report that was definitely denied was that the commission intended to depart for Europe next Saturday. No arrangements, it was said, had been made for their return.

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### MURDER Of a Riverman at Chesapeake is Caused by Jealousy over a Woman.

HUNTINGTON, Sept. 25.—Officers are scouring the hills of Greenup county, Ky., for Robert Means, of Solotville, O., who yesterday afternoon shot and killed Walter Benson, 24, a resident of Chesapeake, O.

Means shot Benson when the latter, with his brother, Bert, rowed to the end of Means's shanty boat. He opened the door of the boat and fired the contents of a shot gun into his victim's body. Benson fell into the river but his brother pulled him into the boat and rowed to the other side of the river. Means fled into Kentucky. Jealousy over Mrs. Mary Allen, of Chesapeake, who was on the boat with Benson, and who rowed him to the Kentucky shore, is said to have led to the deed.

### FRED O. BLUE Asks for An Injunction against a Wheeling "Booze" Transfer Company.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 25.—At the instance of Fred O. Blue, commissioner of prohibition, a petition was today filed in the circuit court of Ohio county at Wheeling, asking that Burns and Church Transfer Company, Edward Gerwin and Frank Church be restrained from storing, selling or transferring liquors. Gerwin is president of the storage company and according to the petition is connected with a social club whose quarters were near of Zeebrugge, Belgium, by a Ohio county grand jury found no indictment.

### STREET OVER SUBWAY FALLS IN, KILLING ONE

Three Persons Injured and Nearly Twenty Others Thrown into Pit.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—One death and the injury of three other persons resulted from the caving in of the street over the new subway in Broadway near Thirty-eighth street tonight. An unidentified woman, who was caught in the falling debris, died later in a hospital. The other injured were men. The police and firemen added in the search for several workmen missing.

The accident occurred a few blocks from the heart of the theater district shortly before 8 o'clock and Broadway was crowded with people.

Traffic Too Heavy.

The weakening of support in the subway, due to weight of traffic, is believed to have caused the superstructure of beams and planking to collapse, making a hole about fifty feet long, running north from the west side of Broadway at Thirty-eighth street and extending about half way across Broadway. The pit was about thirty feet deep.

Two of the injured were a man and a woman, passengers in an automobile that was carried down into the hole. The other person injured was believed to be a workman.

A crowded street car was approaching the spot just prior to the cave in, when the motorman saw the car tracks ahead sag and applied the brakes in time to prevent the car from being carried down.

Many of the passengers became hysterical as they saw the street collapse before them and at least a score of persons carried down with the mass of twisted timbers. Police reserves and firemen were called out a majority of the persons were pulled out of the pit without difficulty.

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### ARRESTED Is Bulgarian in Toledo Charged with Smuggling 800 Bulgarians into Country.

TOLEDO, Sept. 25.—Charged with smuggling 800 or more Bulgarians from Windsor to Detroit and then to Toledo, Mike Tonoff, a Bulgarian was arrested this evening by government officers.

The call received from Washington yesterday ordering 100 Bulgarian officers to report at New York preparatory to return to the foreign country, brought about the exposure of Tonoff's activities, officers say.

The case is under the jurisdiction of Detroit court where Tonoff will be transferred early next week.

### SUICIDE Or Accidental Killing is Fate of a Charleston Drug Store Clerk.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 25.—Harry Gardner, aged 26, married with two children, either accidentally killed himself or committed suicide at his home in this city.

Gardner was employed in a local cigar store and went home late for his evening meal. His wife and two small children were in the bedroom when he entered in a jolly mood.

When his wife left the room for water for the children, a pistol Gardner held in his hand was discharged. The ball entered the head, causing almost instant death.

Coroner John Gillespie expressed the belief tonight that the killing was accidental. Friends of Gardner declare his married life was happy and that he had no business troubles.

### JURY BOX FRAUD Is Alleged against County Clerk and Grand Jury Brings in Indictments against Him.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 25.—John P. Kelley, county clerk, was indicted by a grand jury today on five counts, three charging felonies and two misdemeanors. His bond was placed at \$8,500.

Kelley is alleged to have worked in conjunction with his chief deputy, S. P. Peterson, in removing names from the jury box and substituting others.

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Reporting to the war department today General Funston said his men had repelled the raiding party, which fled across the border under the protection of soldiers "in uniform" entrenched on the other side. The Carranza agency gave out a telegram from General Nafarrete, asserting that there were no Carranza troops in the vicinity.

Civilians Provoked Attacks.

A full report on recent fighting along the border was made to the state department today by the war department. It states that in no case have American soldiers begun the firing, but it admitted that civilians and deputy sheriffs in Texas have provoked some attacks. In yesterday's fight it asserted that an armed force invaded American territory and that this party was repulsed.

Officials here are frankly puzzled over the border situation. General Carranza has directed General Trevino to make a thorough investigation and a clearer understanding of conditions along the Rio Grande is expected to result. Until authentic information is obtained as to the cause of the raids the policy of the American government will be unchanged and while raiders will be driven off, American troops will not be permitted to cross into Mexico in pursuit.

Order against Cattle Seizure.

The state department was advised today that representations made to General Carranza had resulted in orders designed to prevent a repetition of the seizure of cattle belonging to American citizens.

"The department was recently informed," says an announcement, "that Carranzistas had seized cattle belonging to American citizens on the railroad between San Luis Potosi and Tampico. Representations regarding the matter were made to General Carranza as a result of which the authorities at Vera Cruz have issued a statement to the effect that orders have been given to prevent the committing of these depredations."

Explaining the visit of General Felipe Angeles to Washington, the state department issued the statement tonight. General Felipe Angeles, who has been in the United States for some time, is reported to have been in the United States for some time.

### MAY BE HIDING IN THE BUSHES

### MYSTERIOUS MURDER DONE IN MILWAUKEE

Former Banker, Who is Member of Governor's Staff, and Wife Are Slain.

PRINCETON, Wis., Sept. 25.—Captain Robert Mueller, former banker of Milwaukee and a member of the governor staff of the national guard, and his wife were found slain today in the smoldering ruins of their summer cottage at Puckaway Lake, Wis.

Skulls Crushed.

Their skulls were crushed and the cottage fired in an evident attempt to hide the crime.

The motive for the double murder of the couple who were popular in Milwaukee society circles and who came here every summer is a mystery. No trace of the slayers or a clue of any kind has been found.

Alone in Cottage.

The Muellers were practically camping in their cottage and without servants, as it was late in the season and no one saw either the killing or the fire until the house was a mass of ruins.

Officials of Green Lake county hurried to the scene of the tragedy with dogs and began a hunt through the nearby marshes for the slayers.

### Both Funston and Carranza Disclaim Responsibility for the Fighting.

ALL QUIET ON THE BORDER

Some Previous Attacks Are Provoked by Civilians and Texas Deputy Sheriffs.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 25.—No further fighting or raiding in this vicinity was reported today, but it was apparent that United States army officers were taking additional precautions to forestall, if possible, a repetition of outlawry, such as occurred yesterday at Progreso, Tex.

Denials that Carranza soldiers had in any way taken part in the fight at Progreso were reiterated tonight by Carranza authorities at Matamoros.

Johnson Not Found.

Richard J. Johnson, private of troop B, Twelfth United States cavalry, the detachment which participated in yesterday's fight at Progreso and who was reported missing, has not been found. His absence was reported to Major Edward Anderson late today at Harlingen, Tex. It was feared he has either been kidnapped or killed by Mexican bandits.

The body of Private Henry Stubblefield, killed in yesterday's battle at Progreso, was brought here today and prepared for shipment to his father, William Stubblefield, at Big Stone Gap, Va. It will be shipped from here tomorrow.

According to information received here tonight, Private Johnson was a member of a detail of three men left on the banks of Rio Grande yesterday by the detachment of cavalrymen, which shortly after leaving the river encountered the Mexicans at Progreso.

May Be in Brush.

The Mexicans in fleeing toward the Mexican side attempted to cross near where these three men were located. Two of the detail reported later at Progreso, but were unable to say what had become of Johnson. They expressed the belief that Johnson had quit the camp and gone into the brush to escape the overwhelming number of Mexicans.

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